

RECREATION, LIBRARIES, AND AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

15-0175R

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT TO CONTINUE PLANNING AND DESIGN OF
RECREATION AND TOURISM PROJECTS IN THE ST. LOUIS RIVER
CORRIDOR.

CITY PROPOSAL:

WHEREAS, the state of Minnesota authorized the city of Duluth to impose a $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% food and beverage tax and a $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% hotel-motel tax for the purpose of funding an \$18 million bond issue for capital improvements to public facilities to support tourism and recreational activities in that part of Duluth lying west of 34th Avenue West; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 42A-44 of the Duluth city code, 1959, as amended, the city council in July of 2014 imposed the tax to be used for the state-authorized purposes; and

WHEREAS, contingent upon approval by the Minnesota state legislature in 2015, the authorized investment area will be amended to extend to 14th Avenue West; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Duluth have, through nearly two dozen public plans and numerous meetings, conceived of an array of widely supported recreation and tourism-related capital projects in the authorized investment area; and

WHEREAS, the city of Duluth has developed and announced preliminary concept plans, cost estimates, and financing goals for a slate of proposed recreation and tourism capital projects in the extended investment area, referenced in the attached document; and

WHEREAS, in order to justify further investment of time and money in developing plans for these projects, the city of Duluth seeks confirmation that the projects and funding levels are generally in keeping with the city council's intent;

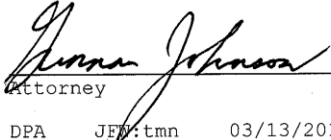
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the city council supports moving forward with the specified projects and funding levels as generally laid out.

Approved:



Department Director

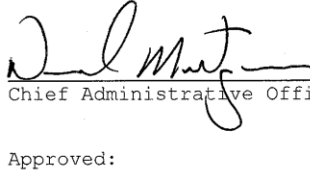
Approved as to form:



Attorney

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Approved for presentation to council:



Chief Administrative Officer

Approved:



Auditor

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to preliminarily set forth and affirm the array of recreation and tourism projects in the St. Louis River corridor that the City Council intends to fund with an \$18 million bond issue paid for with the proceeds from a $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% hotel-motel tax and a $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% food and beverage tax.

ST. LOUIS RIVER CORRIDOR
RECREATION AND TOURISM PROJECTS

<u>Project</u>	<u>Contribution from ½ of 1% taxes</u>
Wade Stadium	\$2.3 million
Spirit Mountain snow making	\$2.3 million
Fairmount Park/the zoo	\$2.3 million
Cross City trail	\$900,000
West DWP trail	\$400,000
Gary New Duluth Recreation Area	\$500,000
Lincoln Park	\$500,000
Memorial Park	\$500,000
Wheeler Athletic Complex	\$500,000
Neighborhood parks grant fund	\$500,000
Duluth Traverse	\$650,000
Lower Spirit Nordic	\$1 million
Superior Hiking loops	\$205,000
Spirit Mountain all-weather bike loop	\$155,000
Equestrian trail(s)	\$250,000
Snowmobile trail(s)	\$250,000
ATV trail(s)	\$250,000
Spirit Mountain river connector	\$60,000
Tallus Island paddle center	\$350,000
National water trail	\$150,000
Kingsbury Bay restoration	\$500,000
Kingsbury Creek river connector	\$415,000
Western Waterfront Trail	\$925,000
Indian Point renewal	\$750,000
West Duluth Climbing Park	\$200,000
Park and trail system infrastructure	\$400,000
Contingency	\$500,000;